

**A Short Catechisme,
wherein are briefly laid
downe the fundamentall**

Principles of Christian

RELIGION.

**HAB. 2. 4. When for the time yee ought
to bee teachers, ye have not sayd
that one teach you which be the
Principles of the Oracles of God.**



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The Principles of Religion
 as they are
 delivered by a Preacher of Gods Word
 well known in this Citie, if it would please
 him to bee made knowne. Hee delivered
 these briefe heads to diuers young youths
 of his parish, that they might more dis-
 tinctly answer him when he required an
 answer of them. The Author himselfe
 did much more largely handle them in
 his weekly course of catechising, but I
 could come to no more then these briefe
 heads, which I haue thought good to pub-
 lish for the good.



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Catichisme.

Question.

What is euery one
most bound to
know?

Answ. Euery ^{1er. 31. 34.}
one is bound to ^{Iob 42. 5, 6}
haue knowlege of God and
of himselfe.

Q Where is this know-
ledge to be had?

A. In the holy Scrip-
tures, contained in the old ^{2. Tim. 3. 15,}
and new Testament. ^{16, 17}

Q Who is the Author of
the Scripture?

A. The holy spirit of God ^{2. Pet. 1. 21}
who inspired holy men, to
write them.

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Q Why

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Q. Why were they written

A. For our learning.

Rom. 15. 4.

Q. What doe they teach concerning God?

A. That he is a Spirit, eternall, infinite, most wise, and most mercifull.

^a Ioh. 4. 24.

^b Il. 41. 4.

^c Ier. 23. 23.

^d 1. Tim. 1. 17.

^e Psal. 111. 9.

Exod. 34. 6.

Q. How many Gods are there?

A. Onely one, but distinguished into three persons, the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghost.

1. Cor. 8. 6.

Mat. 28. 19.

Q. How is God further made knowne unto vs?

A. By his workes.

Q. What are the workes of God?

A. His decree, and the execution thereof.

Q. What beleeue you touching his decree?

A. That hee hath created all things before all times according to his will.

Ephes. 1. 11.

Q. Wherein consisteth the

etc.

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execution of Gods decrees.

A. In the making and go-
verning of all things.

Colof. 1. 16,
Mat. 10. 29.

Q. How did God make all
things?

A. By his word, of no-
thing, in six daies, very good.

Gen. 1. 1. 5. 6. 7.

Q. How doth God go-
verne all things?

A. By his wise providence
he preserveth all, and disposeth
them to his own glory, and
his childrens good.

Psal. 145. 15.
Rom. 8. 28. 29.

Q. How may we come to
the knowledge of our selves?

A. By considering the so-
verall estate of man.

Q. Which are they?

A. First, that happy estate
wherein man was made.

Gen. 1. & 2.
Gen. 3.

Secondly, that miserable
estate wherinto he fell.

Thirdly, that remedial estate
wherunto by grace he is cal-
led.

Ro. 8. Eph. 1. 3.
Eph. 1. 3. & 12.

Fourthly, that glorious e-
state

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state which is in heauen prepared
for him.

Q. Doe all then passe thow
roo all these estates?

A. Nos: onely the elect of
God in heauen as they fell into
misery, in misery they lie:

Q. Wherein especially did
that happinesse consist, in
which man was made?

A. In that hee was made
after Gods image.

Q. In what respect is hee
said to bee made after Gods
image.

A. In that hee was endued
with perfect knowledge, and
true holinesse and righteous-
nesse.

Q. Doth man stil remaine
in that happy estate wherein
hee was made?

A. Nos: hee is become
most miserable,

Q. How fell man into mi-
sery?

A. By

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A. By sinne. **Rom. 5. 12.**

Q. What is sinne? **A.**

A. A breach of Gods com- **1. Joh. 3. 4**
mandement.

Q. What be the kinds of
sinne?

A. Originall, and Actuell.

Q. What is originall sinne?

A. That corruption of na- **Plal. 51. 5.**
ture, whereby all are tainted
and brought into this life.

Q. How hath this high-
ness thereof discerned? **1. Joh. 3. 4**

A. By three things:

First, that it is the seede of **Gal. 5. 19, 20.**
all sinne.

Secondly, that it hath def- **Gen. 6. 5. Eph. 2. 3.**
iled the whole human kind.

Thirdly, that it neuer cea- **Rom. 7. 24**
seth to p[ro]voke the man to sinne,
so long as he liueth.

Q. What is Actuell sinne?

A. The fruit of originall
sinne, in will, thoughts, **Gen. 6. 5.**
words, and deeds. **Rom. 8. 13**
Rom. 2. 9.

Q. How many waies is
sinne

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Q. How cometh man to sinne committed? *Yea*

Mar. 25. 45.
Rom. 1. 31.

Elay. 66. 3.

Deut. 3. 15.
16. 22.
Rom. 5. 21.
Mat. 25. 46.

A. Three waies: 1. by omitting the good we should doe. 2. by committing the evil we should not doe. 3. by an euill performance of good.

Q. What is the punishment due to sinne?

A. The curse of God, which causeth all miserie in this life, in the end death, and after it eternall torment in hell.

Q. Is any man able to free himselfe out of this miserie?

Eph. 3. 1.

A. No: for by nature we are dead in sinne, and none more able to helpe our selues then dead men.

Joh. 1. 16.

Q. Is there any meane to deliuer vs?

A. Yea: God himself hath giuen vnto vs a Saviour.

Joh. 1. 12.
Luc. 2. 11.

Q. Who is that?

A. Iesus Christ, both God and man.

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Q. Was it necessary, that
our Saviour should bee both
God and man?

A. Yes, because hee was
to make a reconciliation bee
tweene God and man.

Q. How did Christ worke
his reconciliation?

A. Both by fulfilling the
righteousness of the Law,
whereunto wee were bound:
and also by bearing that pun-
ishment which wee by sinne
had deserved.

Q. How can those things
which Christ did in his owne
person be availeable for vs?

A. By the power and ver-
tue of faith.

Q. What is faith?

A. A beleefe of the Gospel,
whereby Christ Jesus and all
his benefits offered therein are
received.

Q. What are the principal
benefits which by faith we re-
ceive

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ceiue from Christ?

I. Cor. 1.30. &

6.11

Ioh. 3.15

A. In this life iustification and sanctification, and in the life to come eternal saluation.

Q. Wherein consisteth our iustification?

Rom. 4.5.67,

Rom. 5.19.

A. In the full remission of all our finnes, and in the imputation of Christ his righteousness vnto vs.

Q. Wherein consisteth our sanctification?

Rom. 3.18,

Act. 16.18

A. In enlightning our mind, and in refozming our other parts.

Q. What is the illuminating of our minde?

Eph. 1.18.

A. Raising knowledge of the misteries of godlinesse.

Q. What is reformation?

Eph. 4.23.24

Mat. 12.33,

34.35

A. That which is commonly called repentance, which is such a change of the heart as causeth a new life.

Q. Whence ariseth repentance?

A. From

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A. From a godly sorrowe 2. Cor. 7. 10
for sinne, and from faith in the Luk. 3. 3
forgiuenesse of sinne.

Q. What are the parts of
repentance?

A. 1. Mortification, which Rom. 6. 6
is a ceasing to sinne.

2. Ministration, which is Rom. 6. 13, 19.
a living in true holinesse and Eph. 4. 24
righteousnesse.

Q. What meanes hath
God ordained to breede and
increase these graces in vs.

A. Thre especially:

First, the ministry of the Eph. 1. 13
word.

Secondly, the participation Rom. 4. 11, 12
of the Sacraments.

Thirdly, Prayer.

Q. How is the ministry
of the Word made profita-
ble vnto vs?

A. If it bee mixed with Heb. 4. 2
faith in them that heare it.

Q. What is a Sacrament?

A. An ordinance of God
wherein

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Rom. 4. 11.

Mat. 3. 6.

Mat. 18. 19.

1. Cor. 11. 23,
24. &c.

Tit. 3. 5.

Mat. 18. 19.

Eph. 5. 26.

1. Cor. 7. 14.

Ac 2. 39.

Gen. 17. 7.

wherein by outward signes
Gods promises in Christ are
sealed vpon vs, and our
faith & repentance is testified.

Q. How many Sacraments
are there?

A. Two: Baptisme, and
the Lords supper.

Q. VVhat is Baptisme?

A. A Sacrament of rege-
neration, wherein by the out-
ward washing of our bodies
with water in the name of the
Father, the Sonne, & the ho-
ly Ghost, the inward cleansing
of our soules by the blood of
Christ is represented and sea-
led vpon vs.

Q. VVhy are the chil-
dren of Christians baptised?

A. Because they are borne
in the covenant, the promises
of God belonging to faithfull
parents and their seeds.

Q. VVhat is the Lords sup-
per?

A. A

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A. A Sacrament of our spirituall nourishment, wherein by receiuing bread & wine according to Christs institution, our communion with Christ is represented and sealed by vnto vs.

Mar. 26. 26. 27.
28.

1. Cor. 10. 16.

Q. What must we doe to partake of this Supper aright?

A. We must examine our selves, and come with know- ledge, faith, repentance, and loue.

1. Cor. 11. 28
Eccle. 4. 17.
2. Cor. 13. 5.
1. Cor. 11. 28.
1. Cor. 13. 2.

Q. Who pray aright?

A. They who pray to God in Christ his name, from the heart in faith and loue.

Ioh. 16. 23.
Mat. 15. 22.
James 1. 6.
1. Tim. 2. 8

Q. What are the parts of prayer.

A. Petition, and thankes- giving.

1. Thes. 5. 17. 18

Q. What things are wee to aske?

A. Such things as tend to Gods glory and our pious good

Mat. 6. 9, 10, &c.

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good, whether temporall, or
spirituall.

Q. For what things must
wee be thankfull?

Eph. 5.20.

Col. 3.6.

Luk. 1.46, 47.

Psal. 103. 3, 4, 5

1. Tim. 1. 12

Acts 11. 18

Heb. 11. 13

A. For all things, whe-
ther they be publique or pri-
uat, concerning body or soule,
our felices or others, eyther
receiued or promised.

Q. VVhat is the estate of
the faithfull after death?

1. The. 4. 13,

14, 15

Luk. 23. 43.

1. Cor. 15. 51,

52, 53

A. Their bodies sleepe er-
speaking the resurrection to
life, and their soules goe ime-
diately to heauen, where at
the last iudgement their bo-
dies shal be ioyned with their
soules; and both enioy eterla-
sting happinesse.

Q. VVhat is the estate of
the wicked after death.

Luk. 16. 33

A. Their bodies are held
with the chaines of death a-
gainst the great day of iudge-
ment, and their soules passe
immediately into hell torment,
and

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and at the generall resurrec^{John 5.29}
tion their bodies and soules ^{Mat. 13.41, 42.}
shall bee ioyned together a
gaine, and both cast into
that torment which is ease
lesse and endlesse.

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